

Edith Hokana

The funeral for Edith I. Hokana, 74, of Ellendale will be Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Savo Lutheran Church, rural Frederick. The Rev. Gaylen Sylvester will officiate.

Burial will be in the North Savo Cemetery. Carlsen-Holte Funeral Home of Ellendale is in charge of arrangement.

There will be a prayer service on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Visitation will be on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. There will also be visitation for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Edith I. Raisanen, daughter of Eino and Inez (Saukko) Raisanen was born October 11, 1927 in Savo Township, rural Frederick. She grew up in this area and attended country school. She graduated from Frederick High School in 1945. She then attended the State Normal and Industrial College in Ellendale graduating with an Associates Degree in Business in 1948. She worked at North American Creamery in Oakes from 1948 to 1953 in the business office. She then went to work for Dickey Rural Telephone in Ellendale from 1953 to 1957 in their business office.

She was united in marriage to Marshall Hokana on October 11, 1956 at rural Frederick. They made their home southeast of Ellendale on his farm. Her husband died July 30, 2000. She continued to make her home on the farm because she loved country life.

She enjoyed playing accordion, piano and listening to polka music. She also liked bowling and crossword puzzles. She worked on family genealogy and scrap booking.

She was a member of Savo Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three daughters: Cindy (John) Reyes of Brea, CA; Sandy (Robin) Bobzein of Aberdeen; and Debbie (Russ) Honeyman of Bismark, ND; two sons: Gary (Loreli) Hokana of Ellendale and Davy Hokana of Richardson, TX; one sister: Helen (Edgar) Luoma of Frederick; her stepfather: Arne Karjalainen of Aberdeen and ten grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one infant brother and one infant sister.

Honorary casketbearers will be her grandchildren: Evan Reyes, Erika Reyes, Nathan Bobzien, Corey Bobzien, Chris Bobzien, Brandon Hokana, Tyler Hokana, Cole Honeyman and Jared Honeyman.

Casketbearers will be Richard Voegeli of Oakes, Warren Hoka of Guelph, ND, Kevin Luoma of Watertown, Terry Weis of Bismark, Calvin Raisanen of Frederick and Jerry Ritola of Park Rapids, MN.

The organist will be Marie Schlosser and the soloist will be Annikki Marttila. The ushers will be John Luoma and Gerald Martilla.